

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 21st day of December, 2009 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Tommy Knight, Mayor
Jay Attaway, Mayor Pro Tempore
Vickie Abrego, Council Member
Phillip Hyatt, Council Member
Karen Mayer, Council Member

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Reggie Winters, City Manager
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT: Allen Lawrence, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Alvarado, Public Works Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Lu & Ralph Arcemont, Don Brummett, Ernie & Olivia Torres, Jimmie Nabours, Michael Cary/Progress Newspaper

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 21, 2009.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

ITEM 3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2009.

Council Member Hyatt made the motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2009. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION REGARDING ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR GASB OPEB (GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS) VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS FROM GABRIEL ROEDER SMITH & COMPANY (GRS).

City Manager Reggie Winters stated the valuation referenced in the engagement letter was the City's payment for retiree's health insurance. He stated the City's auditor had previously told the Council that having a GASB-OPEB audit would give the City an unqualified audit, which was preferable over a qualified audit because a qualified audit could affect the City's bond rating. He stated he and the Finance Director had discussed the \$6,500.00 appropriation needed for the first year's audit and there was money in the budget for the GASB-OPEB audit. He stated the audit had to be completed for 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Council Member Abrego asked the City Manager what would the audit require?

The City Manager stated the auditors would be looking at the cost of the retiree's health insurance and the effect on the City's finances in the future.

ITEM 5. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FOR ACTUARIAL SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS AND THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.**

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway asked the City Manager why was the City contracting with the North Central Texas COG?

The City Manger stated the North Central Texas COG offered the service and local cities in the area had recommended and were contracting with the North Central COG.

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing for Actuarial Shared Services between the City of Aransas Pass and the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON MASTER AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE AWARD OF JOINT ACTUARIAL SERVICES BY THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.**

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion approve the Master Agreement pursuant to the award of Joint Actuarial Services by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. *ITEM 7 WAS TABLED AT THE DEC.7, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING AND MUST BE UNTABLED BEFORE CONSIDERATION.*
CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING RESOLUTION 2009-629 – AUTHORIZING TAX RESALE OF LOT 7, BLOCK 323, N. 7TH STREET.

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion to untable Item 7. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

When asked by Mayor Knight, the City Secretary stated the Tax Attorneys would credit the \$220.00 for the sale of the property to the Cost of Sale and write off the remainder of the Cost of Sale fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-629 authorizing the tax resale of Lot 7, Block 323. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON CASTING VOTES IN THE SAN PATRICIO APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION.**

Mayor Knight stated the candidates for the San Patricio Appriaisal District Board of Directors were Larry Baker, Jr., Paul Loeffler and Dalia Sanchez.

Council Member Mayer stated the City's usual candidate was Doil Keller and she had asked the City Secretary why Mr. Keller's name was not on the ballot.

The City Secretary stated Mr. Keller had not been nominated, but the San Patricio Chief Appraiser had advised that Mr. Keller's name would be on the ballot in January when the remaining two Board Directors would be elected. The Chief Appraiser had also stated that the City of Aransas Pass would have votes in the January election for the remaining two Board Directors.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion to cast 51 votes for Larry Baker, Jr., 51 votes for Paul Loeffler and 51 votes for Dalia Sanchez in the San Patricio Appraisal District Board of Directors Election. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING RESOLUTION 2009-626 – BALLOT FOR THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-626, ballot for the San Patricio Appraisal District Board of Directors Election. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 10. **DISCUSSION REGARDING DONATION FROM OVERBID TRUST TO THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS.**

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway, a Board Member of the Overbid Trust, stated the Overbid Trust gives a check to the City of Aransas Pass each year which traditionally has gone to the Library. He stated this year a majority of the \$5,000.00 donation would go to the Library and the balance to be used by the City for roll-off dumpsters to clean a demolition site

owned by the City. He stated the money donated by the Overbid Trust must be used for the “public good.”

Council Member Mayer thanked the Overbid Trust on behalf of the City.

ITEM 11. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS.

There were none.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Mayor Pro Tem Attaway made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ada Owens, City Secretary